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THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT IS THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 1961.

TIMBER CUTTINGS, 1961, WITH COMPARISONS

SAWTIMBER HARVEST IN LOUISIANA CONTINUES TO DECLINE. CUTTINGS OF ALL TIMBER DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1961 TOTALLED 173.9 MILLION BOARD FEET AS COMPARED TO 214.0 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER. CUTTINGS WERE 17.9 PERCENT LESS FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1961 THAN FOR THE LIKE PERIOD OF 1960.

PULPWOOD MARKETINGS ARE HOLDING ABOUT STEADY. THIRD QUARTER HARVEST OF ALL PULPWOOD AMOUNTED TO 382 THOUSAND CORDS. FOR THE SAME MONTHS IN 1960, THE TOTAL WAS 388 THOUSAND CORDS. COMBINED CUTTINGS OF PINE AND HARDWOOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1961, WERE TWO PERCENT MORE THAN HARVESTINGS DURING THE SAME PERIOD ONE YEAR EARLIER.

MARKET CONDITIONS FOURTH QUARTER 1961

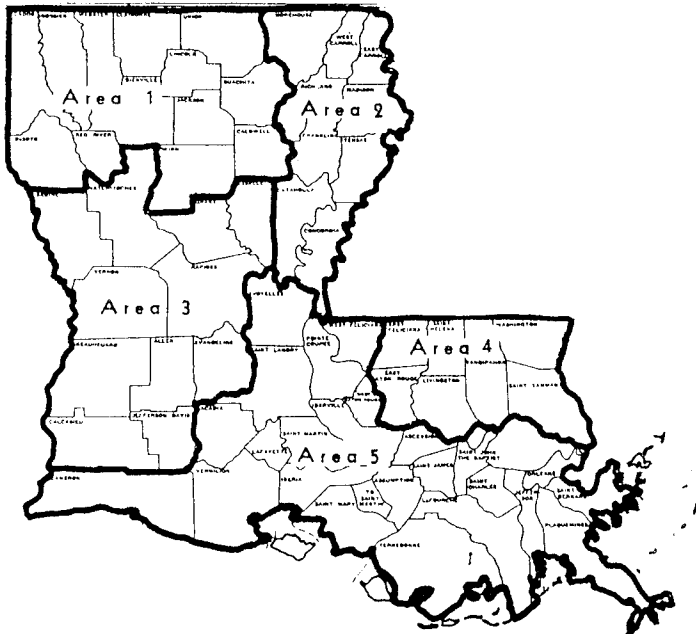
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS REPORTING SAWLOG PURCHASES THIS QUARTER WAS BELOW AVERAGE. A FEW FIRMS HAD DISCONTINUED OPERATING; OTHERS WERE CUTTING FROM THEIR OWN HOLDINGS AND SOME WERE OFF THE MARKET FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO, PINE PRICES WERE LOWER ON THE AVERAGE BY ABOUT \$1.50 STUMPAGE BASIS AND \$2.75 DELIVERED. PRICES PAID FOR ALL OTHER SPECIES SHOWED A SLIGHTLY HIGHER AVERAGE.

PULPWOOD PRICES VARIED SLIGHTLY BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW THIRD QUARTER AVERAGES BUT WERE GENERALLY IN LINE WITH PRICES PAID DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1960.

POLE PRICES HELD FIRM FOR THE MOST PART. LIMITED TRADING WAS REPORTED FOR SOME CLASSES OF BOTH THE SIXTY AND SEVENTY-FOOTERS.

STUMP PRICES CONTINUED ABOUT UNCHANGED.



AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, OCT.-DEC. 1961 WITH COMPARISONS

| | | <u>AREA</u> | | | | | <u>STATE AVERAGE</u> | | |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | OCT.-DEC. 1961 | PREVIOUS QUARTER | SAME PERIOD YEAR AGO |
| 1. | (A) <u>SAMPLES</u> | (<u>DOLLARS</u>) | (<u>DOLLARS</u>) | (<u>DOLLARS</u>) | (<u>DOLLARS</u>) | (<u>DOLLARS</u>) | (<u>DOLLARS</u>) | (<u>DOLLARS</u>) | (<u>DOLLARS</u>) |
| | PINE | 28.15 | --- | 25.70 | 30.00 | --- | 27.55 | 27.80 | 29.15 |
| | CYPRESS | 19.45 | 20.00 | 24.50 | 20.00 | 20.15 | 20.70 | 22.00 | 18.25 |
| | RED OAK | 11.10 | 13.50 | 13.00 | 13.50 | 10.35 | 12.00 | 11.20 | 9.55 |
| | WHITE OAK | 9.25 | 12.00 | 11.75 | 13.50 | 10.50 | 11.00 | 10.75 | 9.25 |
| | SWEET GUM | 9.10 | 12.50 | 11.65 | 12.65 | 11.50 | 11.15 | 10.90 | 9.55 |
| | TUPELO GUM | 9.50 | 13.50 | 11.75 | 14.20 | 10.65 | 11.70 | 11.80 | 9.75 |
| | BLACK GUM | 9.00 | 12.00 | 11.00 | 13.00 | 11.00 | 10.70 | 10.50 | 9.25 |
| | WILLOW | 12.50 | 13.50 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 10.65 | 12.20 | 14.10 | 10.65 |
| | ASH | 15.35 | --- | 16.65 | 16.65 | 15.00 | 16.45 | 14.75 | 10.95 |
| | COTTON WOOD | 12.50 | 17.50 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.65 | 10.85 |
| | OTHER HARDWOODS | 11.85 | 10.00 | - | 13.00 | 12.75 | 12.05 | 11.00 | 9.50 |

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| AREA | | | | | | | STATE AVERAGE | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | OCT.-DEC. 1961 | PREVIOUS QUARTER | SAME PERIOD YEAR AGO |
| (B) | SAWLOGS (DELIVERED TO MILL) | (DOLLARS) | (DOLLARS) | (DOLLARS) | (DOLLARS) | (DOLLARS) | (DOLLARS) | (DOLLARS) | (DOLLARS) |
| | PINE M.BD.FT. | 48.55 | --- | 46.15 | 51.00 | --- | 48.15 | 48.25 | 50.95 |
| | CYPRESS " | 39.40 | 48.35 | 48.00 | 50.00 | 47.50 | 44.20 | 46.10 | 42.20 |
| | RED OAK " | 34.50 | 41.75 | 36.50 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 37.75 | 36.45 | 34.90 |
| | WHITE OAK " | 34.00 | 35.00 | 33.85 | 40.00 | 40.00 | 35.85 | 35.30 | 34.35 |
| | SWEET GUM " | 33.30 | 40.65 | 38.50 | 40.85 | 45.00 | 38.90 | 35.35 | 36.00 |
| | TUPELO GUM " | 36.00 | 41.65 | 36.35 | 43.00 | 42.50 | 39.65 | 38.90 | 37.80 |
| | BLACK GUM " | 33.55 | 40.00 | 34.65 | 42.50 | 40.00 | 37.15 | 34.40 | 34.85 |
| | WILLOW " | 40.00 | 42.35 | 45.00 | 45.00 | 40.00 | 42.00 | 41.50 | 38.85 |
| | ASH " | 36.25 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 43.35 | 47.50 | 44.30 | 40.85 | 38.55 |
| | COTTON WOOD " | 40.00 | 45.00 | 45.00 | 45.00 | 45.65 | 44.20 | 43.35 | 40.05 |
| | OTHER HARDWOODS " | 31.25 | 37.25 | 37.00 | 39.15 | 43.35 | 37.35 | 35.55 | 35.10 |
| - TIMBER PRODUCT - | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | PULPWOOD (CORD) | | | | | | | | |
| | PINE (STUMPG.) | 4.80 | 4.50 | 4.00 | --- | --- | 4.50 | 4.20 | 4.30 |
| | PINE (FOB CAR) | 14.90 | 14.25 | 14.40 | --- | 14.75 | 14.55 | 15.00 | 14.60 |
| | HARDWOOD (STUMPG.) | 1.75 | 1.25 | 1.40 | --- | --- | 1.55 | 1.60 | 1.50 |
| | HARDWOOD (FOB CAR) | 12.50 | 11.40 | 11.90 | --- | 12.40 | 12.05 | 12.35 | 12.30 |
| 3. | POLES (F.O.B. MILL) - EACH | | | | | | | | |
| | 30-FT. | | | | | | | | |
| | CLASS 5. | 3.30 | --- | --- | 4.00 | --- | 3.55 | 3.50 | 3.60 |
| | 6. | 3.00 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.15 |
| | 7. | 2.60 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2.80 | 2.70 | 2.60 |
| | 40-FT. | | | | | | | | |
| | CLASS 4. | 10.00 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 10.00 | 9.95 | 10.05 |
| | 5. | 8.75 | --- | --- | 8.75 | --- | 8.75 | 8.85 | 9.00 |
| | 6. | 6.40 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6.20 | 6.25 | 6.50 |
| | 50-FT. | | | | | | | | |
| | CLASS 1. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 2. | 18.15 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 18.15 | 18.10 | 18.45 |
| | 3. | 16.35 | --- | --- | 18.75 | --- | 17.30 | 16.00 | 15.35 |
| | 4. | 14.40 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 14.40 | 14.00 | 13.45 |
| | 60-FT. | | | | | | | | |
| | CLASS 1. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | 2. | 32.50 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 32.50 | 33.20 | 32.55 |
| | 3. | 29.90 | --- | --- | 27.00 | --- | 28.75 | 29.80 | 29.80 |
| | 4. | 24.75 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 24.75 | 24.60 | 24.05 |
| | 70-FT. | | | | | | | | |
| | CLASS 1. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 50.00 |
| | 2. | 53.00 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 56.00 | 51.00 | 52.00 |
| | 3. | 49.00 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 45.00 | 47.25 | 46.65 |
| | 4. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 44.75 | 38.50 |
| 4. | STUMPS (FOR DISTILLATION): | | | | | | | | |
| | (DELIVERED TO PLANT - TON) - | | | | | | | | |
| | | --- | --- | 1/ | 1/ | --- | 14.79 | 14.84 | 14.94 |

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